

public address

INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

UGEQ presents —

SEMAINE SYNDICALE

Saint-Liguori, a flagstop not far from the hopping town of Joliette, witnessed the holding of UGEQ's week-long syndicalist seminars. These were held to serve as a pre-season warm-up, and in some ways, to orient the union's energies for the year to come.

Topics included international and national affairs, education, internal affairs and services.

The week's format involved lectures, panels, films and discussion groups in which the topics were given greater in-depth treatment and campus-specific problems were discussed.

The highlights of the week :

—Professor Robert Garry, sociologist from U. of M., gave an informative historical back-ground on the Vietnamese people, and their struggles throughout the centuries against foreign domination; this culminated with his conclusion that the U.S. had no business in Viet Nam and that it should withdraw. However in view of the U.S.'s self-consciousness, this could only happen (however improbable), if it could save face.

—François Aquin, independent member in the Quebec Legislative Assembly spoke of Quebec's role in international affairs by stating that before any political and cultural entity (such as Quebec) can hope to play a full, mature and progressive role on the international scene, it must fully develop and assert itself at home and be free to dictate its own internal and foreign policies. This is how nations, which are cohesive within and free without can fully contribute to the world and help bring about the gradual evolution of a world federation of nations. Only until Quebec is free to develop as a nation with liberty of action in all important areas will it be able to fully contribute to the international forum.

Mr. Aquin's eloquent and forceful speech prompted an enthusiastic response from his audience. He is a man to watch for in the coming years.

—A Panel discussion involved Pierre Vadeboncoeur of the CSN (Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux); Jean-Marie Bédard, head of RSQ; Chanoine Grandmaison, and Henri Ga-

gnon of the FTQ (Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec).

Each panelist had his say on the issue and a question period followed. The main recurring themes were American economic imperialism in Quebec; the important role of the syndicalist movement, and the viability of a socialist system in Quebec.

—Another panel involved Mr. Gérin-Lajoie, ex-minister of education, who first gave a twenty-minute talk on education in general and three priorities in particular concerning which the government has done precious little :

- the regionalization of secondary schools in Montreal
- the creation of a second French university in Montreal
- co-ordination of university teaching.

He was followed by Léon Deschaines, Claude Beauregard, Mme Mathieu (of the Catholic parents' Association), Claude Delorimier and

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SEMAINE SYNDICALE cont'd

Antoine Baby, of Laval. After each had his say on the subject a question period followed where the main questions dealt with problems caused by the creation of CEGEP's (Collèges d'Enseignements Générale et Professionnel) and the lack of standardization in university entrance requirements.

STUDENT AID

Definitely not a highlight of the week was Hector Joyal's exposé on the government's criteria by which Quebec students are given their yearly dole in the form of loans and bursaries. What made the whole thing particularly pathetic was that Mr. Joyal seemed thoroughly and personally convinced that the established standards were reasonable and just. His address provided some comic relief from our colds.

Most of the time, perhaps a bit too much of it, was spent in discussion groups where some useful ideas and information were obtained and where a lot of cyclical arguments took place. What greatly lacked was a coordinated effort at disseminating the results and ideas generated by these groups. One can only imagine how the great enthusiasm and keenness generated in some delegates for certain projects will slowly dissipate and vanish upon the return to the unreachable campus masses.

MCGILL

McGill can pride itself on having impressed delegates from all the french universities. It is at least two years ahead in such fields as

course guide design, student participation, political clubs and news media.

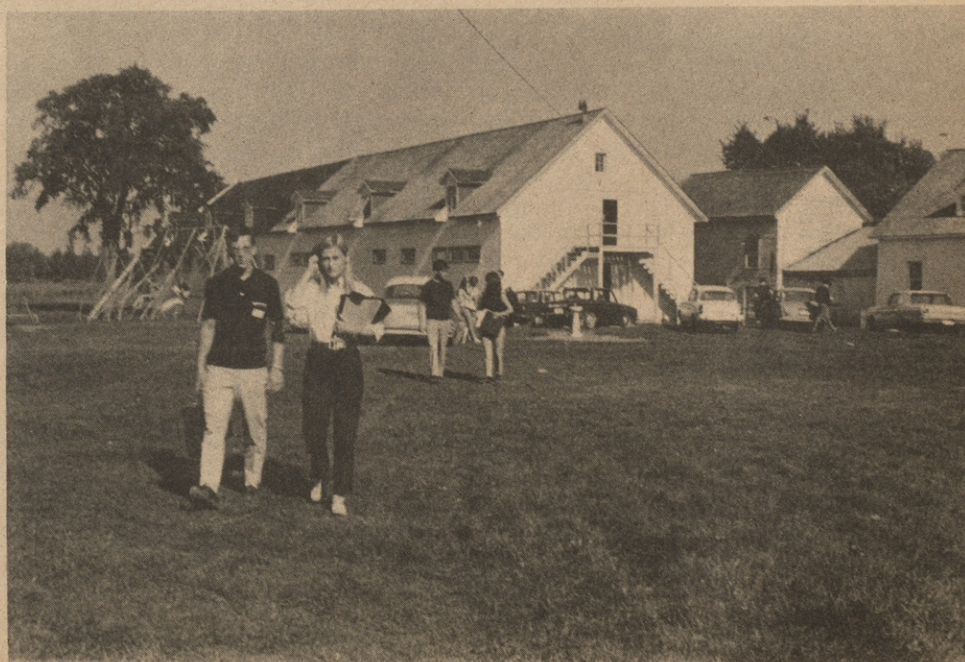
CONSEIL CENTRAL NATIONAL

For most of the participants, the week came to a close with the meeting of the Conseil Central National which is UGEQ's mandating body between the yearly congresses.

Besides reviewing work done by the executive committee on setting up plans for an Educational Research Foundation: "education week" in the CEGEP's, correspondence with J.-J. Bertrand on private institutions, and the setting-up of a committee to review "le problème constitutionnel", it voted:

- to adopt the general rules regulating the newly-created Tourist Bureau; as well it appointed six rembers to sit on the administrative council of said bureau (all of whom were nominated by the executive);
- to set up a committee to study in a professional and scientific way, all related data concerning the creation of a second French university;
- unanimously, to hold anti-Vietnam war demonstrations on all major campuses in Quebec, as part of Viet Nam Day. This would be part of a world-wide demonstration effort voted for by delegates to the International Union of Students, of which UGEQ is an associate member. The demonstrations will be held simultaneously by student bodies in 87 countries on November 17th, 1967.

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Between conferences at UGEQ's 'Semaine Syndicale', Sept. 8-15. The week was held at Camp Notre Dame, near St.-Liguori.

YOU are invited to MCSA

The McGill Conference on Student Affairs wants you to ask questions. The McGill Conference on Student Affairs offers you a chance to find out the answers.

What's the relationship between Students' Council and the various campus clubs and organizations? By whom and how are student government policies set? How do you submit a budget? What's McGill's position on student unionism? What's the role of the student communications media?

These are the questions that a potential 300 campus presidents and treasurers will be discussing from Sept. 28-30. However, Chairman David Young has pointed out that much of MCSA will be orientated towards giving student observers a chance to glimpse the behind the scenes activity of student government in relation to policies and politics.

"We want students to come out and force their representatives to clarify and define their stands, and those of their organizations, in relation to campus issues," Young said. "As for the various campus groups, this is their chance to let Students' Council hear their views, and to discuss problems and grievances."

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Of major interest to general students will be the Friday workshops dealing with McGill and general university affairs. The five categories under consideration include undergraduate and postgraduate societies, communications and news media, external affairs, and major student activities, with such suggested question guidelines as constitutional reform, news media responsibility, membership in student unions, and free education.

EXTERNAL SESSION BI-LINGUAL

New slants on old issues at McGill should be provided by the attendance of delegates from other universities in Quebec and Ontario. To help achieve a viable dialogue, the external affairs session will operate under a bilingual format for the benefit of representatives from French-speaking institutions.

The two main speakers at MCSA this year will be the Hon. John Turner and Dr. Locke Robertson. Turner is noted for his youth orientation, while the "Rocke" will probably deal with such questions as university finance and its relation to students, and representation by students on the university administration.

Prior to Turner's Friday evening speech, two panels will toss about the questions of the re-

sponsibility of the campus communications media, and the representation of students on university administration. Panel members will include faculty representatives, involved students, and outside specialists.

PARTICIPATION EXPECTED

The MCSA executive looks forward to an active student participation and attendance, forcing the student government and campus leaders to take advantage of the conference and deal with the questions and issues.

Any organization presidents and treasurers who have not yet been contacted by MCSA, are asked to attend registration on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 12-2 p.m., or 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Union.

GUIDELINES for WORKSHOPS

1. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Societies
 - a) constitutional reform
 - b) participation in UGEQ or CUS
 - c) representation on Students' Council
2. Communication and News Media
 - a) responsibility to controlling body
 - b) responsibility to readers: objective versus subjective role
 - c) the role of CUP in campus publications
 - d) justifying existence of campus publications
3. External Affairs
 - a) improving co-ordination of speakers programme
 - b) justification of membership and financial commitments to CUS or UGEQ
 - c) student dissenters
 - d) free education
 - e) reform of university government and lecture systems
4. Clubs, Philosophical and Interest Groups
 - a) justification for their existence
eg. international house and model parliament
 - b) administrative and financial problems
 - c) speakers programme
5. Major Student Activities
 - a) Are they service or a fraud?
 - b) benefits from UGEQ and CUS
 - c) encouragement of greater student interest and participation

TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION

Students for a Democratic University was formed, in November of 1966, as the spontaneous reaction to the Students' Council's firing of Sandy Gage as Editor - in - Chief of the *McGill Daily*.

The reason advanced for Council's action was that Gage had allowed an article to appear on the front page of the Nov. 11 issue which was false, in poor taste and bad journalism.

This action was the culmination of a long struggle between council and the *McGill Daily*, which had, since 1965, taken on a critical and activist policy.

SDU decided to agitate in favor of joining UGEQ

The first open meeting of SDU, taking place several days after Council's action, demonstrated the chief strain which the organization was going to face for the remainder of the year.

The meeting became divided over the question of whether to have a temporary organization to efficiently fight the "Daily crisis" or to establish a permanent organization.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Those who argued on behalf of a permanent structure reasoned that the firing of the Daily Editor was only one symptom of a general malaise which affected the entire university. They asked if perhaps there wasn't a connection between the attitude displayed by Council to justify its action in Gage's dismissal, the approval of Dean Mordell of Engineering for this action, the authoritarian manner by which the "education" process is now being carried out, and the fact that the Board of Governors of McGill at present is constituted of the most prominent members of Montreal's and Canada's business community.

Throughout the three-week crisis, the fledgling organization successfully fought for the reinstatement of Gage by pamphlet, petition and vote.

By last January, the 150 members of SDU including some faculty members, were organized into sections of less than ten people. Thus discussion was possible at a deeper level than that of other mass organizations. All policy decisions according to SDU constitution, come from these sections, insuring that every voice may be heard, and every issue thoroughly discussed. A five-man executive provides co-ordination.

Another crisis erupted on the campus and this time the crisis revolved around whether or not McGill should join UGEQ (Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec). A referendum was called and SDU decided to agitate in favor of joining UGEQ.

The Daily crisis was fought using a "disconnected" approach - an isolated issue approach.

Students must protest what they feel to be wrong

But to discuss joining UGEQ using the "disconnected" approach was difficult. UGEQ was and still is an activist union committed to student syndicalism. That is, UGEQ sees itself as a union of students who have interests as citizens of the world community as well as the university community. This means that the student as a "young intellectual worker", cannot indulge the temptation to linger in his ivory tower, but must

All policy decisions come from sections so that every voice may be heard

begin now, as a student, to accept the rights and responsibilities of a democratic society.

It is a student's duty to take an active role in all decision-making which will affect him, to protest what he feels to be wrong, and to work for fundamental change where he finds it necessary.

The outlook for SDU is bright. SDU has a more educated, dedicated and experienced membership, which numbers over 170.

"... counter-course for Sociology 210"

Projects for this year include high school organizing, co-operative residences and course reform, culminating in the counter-course project for Sociology 210.

Notes will be taken by four or five people each lecture, compiled and distributed to those in the project. Seminars, conducted by someone who has taken the course will be held weekly. These seminars will allow real discussion to take place. If you wish to participate in the project or would like further information, leave your name, address and phone number at the Union Switchboard.

A BEGINNING?

Should students be represented on University Senate Committees? Do they have the right to make decisions which affect them in their university life? What kind of representation have we received in the past? What is the present situation?

BACKGROUND

In December '65, the Students' Council was invited to send members to certain committees. These representatives were named in November '66.

In March '67, representation was increased from one to three. The committees involved are Library, Scholarships, Placement, Student Health, Sessional Dates and Communications of Information, which has just been set up. According to External Vice-President, Mark Wilson, "It is the ultimate in absurd that this committee was established without inviting and encouraging observers."

It is important to note that all these committees are service committees. We, the students, have no say in deciding matters that affect our education.

OPERATION OF COMMITTEES

According to a report by Mark Wilson, there is at least an unwritten rule that all topics and discussions are secret until decisions

are released publicly. In general the policy is left to the discretion of the members.

For example, one committee agreed that the student representative should report back to Council and campus by means of a press release drawn up by the committee, and a general report to Council at the end of the year.

The informal position of several important people in the administration, is that students need not participate in important decision making because students may submit briefs, stating their position, if they wish. "This is an iron-clad device to insure student interest on questions of importance to the university community will be sporadic, ill-informed, irresponsible and will accomplish little," said Wilson.

"Will the new library be as badly planned as the Union cafeteria? How will it answer to the desperate needs of undergraduates with respect to library services? Or will these needs go unconsidered in the University's flight towards graduate school prestige?"

One important question in Wilson's mind is the lack of co-operation and co-ordination between universities in the area. Competition, for example in the field of libraries is especially ridiculous. It would be of much greater benefit to the students to have a central library, with perhaps, a computer system to facilitate the transfer of information.

THIS SUMMER

The External Affairs Committee, made an extensive report on the university government recommending greater democratization.

The Senate asked them to name students members to the committees. They replied saying that only Council had the authority and that they would ask Council not to name members until

1. committee meetings are open
2. members are not bound to confidentiality
3. notice of meetings, agendas, minutes are made public.

Council's decision and that of the administration should be extremely interesting.

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I.S.A.

The turkey on the International Students' Association Thanksgiving table this year is a trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Two Chartered buses will leave McGill on Friday, October 6th. and will return on Monday 9th.



This trip like every I.S.A. activity, is open to all McGill students, the only restriction being that imposed by the capacity of the buses. The cost is thirty dollars (\$30.00) per person, an inexpensive arrangement which includes return fare, hotel accommodation and a dinner reception. Tickets are available in the I.S.A. office (B 41 of the Union) on a first come, first served basis.

The main attraction of the excursion is the opportunity to meet United Nations delegates, and to receive firsthand information on U.N.E.S.C.O., Human Rights and other subcommittees.

The I.S.A. this year is involving itself with organisations on all levels — college, national and international — which have a philosophy similar to its own. It has flatly rejected its former role as a mere mediator in financial squabbles between the Students' Council and the Student Council clubs.

The International Festival dates are October 30th to November 5th., with some items at the end of November. It is no longer a completely social activity. Along with the usual dinners, ball, and Variety Show, a dramatic review, an Art Exhibition and a Conference will also be presented.

The theme of the Conference is "The Future of World Order: Problems and Prospects" An attempt will be made to isolate the somewhat nebulous concept of World Peace with the aid of experts on the subject from McGill and Harvard. One im-

portant faction of the proposed discussion is the surprising magnitude of both the necessity and the probability of world peace. Delegates have been invited from Quebec and Ontario colleges.

The password this year is Internationalism, a word which does not mean foreign. A larger role by Canadian students is vital to the I.S.A. Overtures for co-sponsorship of several activities have been made to the World University Service, the Film Society, S.U.N.A.C., Yellow Door, Centennial Committee, and the Folk Music Society. The response has been concrete and heartening. However, there is a need for more new faces on the I.S.A. scene. Drop in to B 41 of the Union at any time. Even the coffee sessions are unique.

The twenty-two national member clubs of the I.S.A. have always been underestimated for their ability to share their diverse cultures with the Canadian students. Many have interpreted the existence of these clubs as a withdrawal from the Canadian scene and a rejection of local hospitality. On the other hand, the foreign students have been disheartened by the lack of local response to their activities.

The fact that the enrollment of foreign students is decreasing puts many on the defensive.

The I.S.A. proudly acknowledges its foreign student membership. If you are Canadian, as are the majority of McGill students, make use of your membership and keep the I.S.A. international.

Internal Affairs:

Trevick Reports

There have been some changes in the Union. Internal Vice-President Danny Trevick plans for more.

Trevick has been acting as Building Manager during the summer, assisted by Bill McNamara. The new manager, Mr. Frank Costi, will take office October 1st. He has been carefully chosen and is expected to be reasonable.

The running of a building the size of the Union poses many problems. The largest of these seems to be the students. Replacement of plates and cutlery stolen last year amounted to \$2,000. Five hundred dollars was spent for the repair of furniture. Trevick feels that this waste is deplorable. The money could have been spent on a television for the lounge, or some other service for the benefit of students who use the building.

Burns Catering is operating the cafeteria this year. Five companies were interviewed and it was decided that Burns was the best choice from the point of view of financial consideration, food quality, and prices. It was verified that wages paid to employees are comparable to those of other companies. Trevick was opposed to hiring a caterer. He thought that a better idea would be to hire a manager who would in turn hire staff, buy food and run the cafeteria. This would insure more day-to-day control. The Executive Committee over-ruled him. They were of the opinion that a catering service would be simpler and more efficient.

The organization of the kitchen area of the cafeteria is a big problem in itself. Grilling facilities are inadequate — thus food is kept in steam cabinets too long.

Another of Trevick's problems is the allocation of office and garage space. There is a shortage of space and a difficulty in determining which clubs really need an office or a parking spot. Illegal parking in the garage will be dealt with very strictly this year.

Meeting rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Difficulty arises only when a club wants to book a room on a regular basis for the whole year.

Clubs wishing to serve liquor at a meeting must obtain a banquet license for each affair, and must insure that all guests are over twenty. According to Trevick, raids are now in style.

Trevick hasn't had much time

to think about Internal Affairs as such, but has plans in store for the coming year.

The third floor lounges will be open this year for the use of students. A program of music will be presented in conjunction with Radio McGill.

The television in the Council Room will be moved into the lounge as soon as arrangements are completed to ensure against theft or damage.

The ballroom is not being used to capacity. According to the Vice-President, students will be encouraged to make greater use of it both for educational and recreational programs.

A "New Union Committee" is another necessary step. The present building is out of date and too small for the number of students registered at McGill.

RELLIF . . .

Towards the end of 1965, it became apparent that a dichotomy existed between the Student Government and the student body at large. This situation reached critical proportions when important issues such as entry into UGEQ were fought totally on emotional grounds. public address was founded at that time in an effort to make the facts available on such issues.

This, then, is the purpose of our newspaper to inform the student body on important campus activities and to publicise what is important in the realm of student affairs.

public address will give publicity to important activities on campus. All organizations seeking publicity for their events (bringing noteworthy speakers to McGill, conferences, etc.) are asked to contact us in Room 409 of the Union or at 875-5510, local 68. We will be pleased to aid any organizations as well as we can, provided we are given sufficient notice. Press releases may also be left at the Union switchboard.

MCSA Timetable

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 - 2:00	Registration (McGill delegates)
3:30 - 4:30	University Centre
4:00 - 5:30	Opening Plenary Session (Ballroom)
5:30 - 6:30	a) Finance Work Session (treasurers) Leacock 219 b) Administration and Policy Work Session (presidents) Ballroom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:00 - 2:00	Registration (visiting delegates)
2:15 - 3:15	Specialized Workshops (McGill affairs)
3:30 - 5:00	Specialized Workshops (all universities) * see sheets on guidelines, delegate listings Sessions to be held in Stewart, Leacock and Union conference rooms.
5:00 - 6:15	Supper (meal tickets provided)
6:30 - 8:15	Panel Discussions a) The responsibilities of student communications (objective versus subjective role) Leacock 219 b) The responsibilities of student communications (objective versus subjective role) Leacock 219
8:30	Address by John N. Turner, M.P., Registrar General of Canada. Moyse Hall
10:00	Informal gathering over coffee after address.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 - 11:00	Meeting of the Board of Regular Committees (open) Union Board Room
11:00	Address by Dr. H. Locke Robertson, Principal and Vice-Chancellor McGill University Moyse Hall
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (meal tickets provided)
1:00 - 2:30	Panel Discussion b) The responsibilities of student communications (objective versus subjective role) Leacock 26
2:30	Final Plenary Session Union Ballroom
5:30 - 8:30	Reception at Dr. Robertson's home.

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The Union has a fourth (4) floor.

On the fourth floor are several offices with desks, chairs, phones, and lights (not enough).

There are no people.

The fourth floor has an office (409). Make a left at the top of the stairs and another left when you go through the door beside the drinking fountain.

Anyone interested in working for public address—this paper—in any capacity whatsoever, come and see us.

no experience of any kind is necessary.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday Oct. 3 in Room 409 of the Union at 1pm. If you can't make it leave your name at the office or the switchboard.

Over 250 people from six universities will be at MCSA. Will you?

SEMAINE SYNDICALE cont'd

McGill was represented on the CCN by five delegates on a rep by pop basis. Representing were Mark Wilson, John Fekete, Pierre Fournier, Martine Eloy, and Sandra Schecter.

The Semaine Syndicale was on a whole a profitable one. It served the purpose of reUGEQ-ing the delegates (or most of them) for the year to come and giving a boost of enthusiasm for carrying out work that must be done.

Forever believing that the student should be a conscious and involved (if not committed) member of his society and his world, UGEQ strives to better the academic situation of the

student in Quebec, as well as effect some changes within certain existing structures which tend to check progress and inhibit the student's role as a full and responsible citizen with maybe some type of political power behind him.

What UGEQ needs is greater grass-roots participation and consciousness and a well organized structure permitting smooth-running continuity of purpose and effort, in site of the considerable yearly turnover in its ranks.

A question remains: What do the campuses get out of the semaine syndicale. Maybe we can let the delegates answer.

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